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a laser unit arranged between the supply of metal strip and the article forming unit, the laser unit providing laser engravings on at least one of the upper surface and the lower surface of the strip, the laser engravings forming marks on at least one of the upper surface and the lower surface of the strip to be formed into the articles by the article forming unit; and

a control unit in communication with the laser unit, the laser unit being controlled so that the laser engravings are provided on at least one of the upper surface and the lower surface of the strip when the strip is in the immobilized condition between the periods of intermittent movement.

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81. (Amended) An apparatus as set forth in claim 63, wherein said articles are opening tabs to be attached to ends of the cans.